

MINUTES
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
September 18-19, 1997
San Diego, California

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order on September 18, 1997 at 10:35 a.m. at the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board Meeting Room, 1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, California.

Members Present: Edward Jordan, Chairman
 Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
 Mary Berglund
 P Gregory Conlon
 Octavia Diener
 David Fleming
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed
 Robert Wolf
 Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio

Members Absent: Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened on September 19, 1997 at 8:30 a.m.

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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for July 8, 1997 and August 13, 1997

The July 8 and August 13, 1997 minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner Diener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

1.(2) Commission Reports

Commissioner Fleming reported that he would prepare a written summary report about his recent transportation study trip to Europe. He also discussed his meeting with the San Fernando Valley leadership regarding a multi-faceted transit system, with a follow-up transit summit scheduled for early December.

ACTION: Commissioner Fleming

Commissioner Berglund reported on the Intelligent Vehicle Demonstration she had attended.

Senator Kopp discussed the 1997 transportation legislative session and emphasized SB 45 which will be implemented next year if it is signed into law. The Commission directed staff to schedule a workshop on SB 45 (Kopp) at the October Commission meeting, assuming the bill is signed; the workshop is to include information on G-12 authority, cost savings policy, PSR requirements, minor program delegation, timely use of funds, and preliminary numbers on bid targets and funds available for the 1998 STIP.

ACTION: R. Remen/ C. Oldham/D. Brewer

Chairman Jordan presented the proposed 1998 meeting schedule for adoption. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the schedule. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

Executive Director Remen presented the List of Meetings for Compensation for approval. Chairman Jordan noted that he had attended an additional meeting on August 1, 1997. Commissioner Diener moved to approve the List with the addition. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

1.(3) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

Undersecretary Del Pierce, Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, reported on the second generation ISTEA legislation, contracting out issues and negotiations with labor unions, and the 1998-99 budget.

1.(4) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director James van Loben Sels reported on recent staff changes, court rulings regarding contracting out, SB 45 implementation, and efforts to complete rehabilitation work on the roadways prior to the winter weather.

1.(5) Regional Agencies Report

Craig Scott, Regional Agencies Moderator, indicated he would comment on items of interest to the regional agencies as the items were presented. He noted the need to receive information on bid targets as soon as possible.

1.(6) Welcoming Remarks from San Diego County Transportation Officials

Elliot Parks, Chairman of SANDAG, reviewed the SANDAG mission and organization.

Ken Sulzer, Executive Director of SANDAG, discussed SANDAG's priority setting process.

Gary Gallegos, Caltrans District 11 Director, reviewed the Caltrans projects and schedule for construction.

Julie Meier Wright, President of Economic Development Corporation, discussed the border traffic and need for infrastructure improvement projects.

Martin Minkoff, Executive Director of North San Diego County Transit District, discussed the rail and bus services.

Tom Larwin, General Manager of MTDB, welcomed the Commission to the MTDB facilities and reviewed MTDB projects, in particular the Mission Valley Extension which will open for service in two months.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Reed reported that he was abstaining from Item 2.4b Resolution of Necessity #C-17209. Commissioner Wolf reported that he was abstaining from Item 2.5c(2) EEM allocations.

Potential Consent Calendar Items 2.1c, 2.6a, 2.1d, 2.5b(3), 2.5h, and 2.5i were reviewed by either Commission or Caltrans staff and recommended for approval and addition to the Consent Calendar.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes to the Consent Calendar which were as follows:

- Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity #C-17207, C-17210, and C-17216 were pulled from the agenda.
- Item 2.5b(1) program balance corrected to \$58,660,962.
- Item 2.5c(1) project #1 applicant corrected to Department of Fish and Game.
- 2.6f project #2 PPNO corrected to #07-9746.

Commissioner Conlon moved to add the Potential Consent Calendar items to the Consent Calendar and approve the Consent Calendar as modified. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Chairman Jordan was absent) except for Items 2.4b #C-17209 and 2.5c(2) where the vote was 7-0-1 with Commissioner Reed abstaining on Item 2.4b #C-17209 and Commissioner Wolf abstaining on Item 2.5c(2).

The revised Consent Calendar was as follows: 2.1a, 2.1c, 2.1d, 2.1e, 2.3c, 2.4b, 2.4d, 2.5a, 2.5b(1-3), 2.5c(1-2), 2.5g, 2.5h, 2.5i, 2.6a, 2.6b(1-2), 2.6c, 2.6e, 2.6f, 2.9.

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP Amendment for Action**

- STIP Amendment 96S-48 - Action
Transfers \$32,873,000 in savings from a recently allocated Routes 15/30 Interchange project and \$2,335,000 in savings from an AB 3090 right of way payback project in San Bernardino County to a Route 30 corridor project for right of way only for an eight-lane freeway in San Bernardino County, which remains underfunded. Requested by San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1b. STIP Amendment for Notice

No Items This Month

2.1c. TCI Amendment for Action

- TCI Amendment 96S-49 - Action
Downscopes a Sacramento Regional Transit District Power Sub-Station Upgrade project from 13 to 4 substations currently programmed in the FY 1995-96 TCI Program. State TCI funds of \$240,000 remain unchanged after reduction of the number of substations being upgraded. Local federal funds are reduced from \$1,920,000 to \$847,500. The overall project cost is reduced from \$2,400,000 to \$1,327,500, with the State portion remaining the same. Requested by Sacramento Regional Transit District. (Consistent with Concurrent Allocation MFP-97-04 under Item 2.6a.)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1d. Toll Bridge Amendment for Action

- Toll Bridge Amendment 92B-16 - Action
Adds \$11,500,000 to provide a revised bridge location to satisfy Coast Guard requirements, and adds \$5,800,000 to include the accommodation for future rail transit, to a Regional Measure 1 Project on the Benicia-Martinez Toll Bridge, for a total of \$17,300,000 funded from the Northern Bridge Group. Requested by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1e. Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

- Project Approval Amendment for the County of Butte's Transit Vehicle Acquisition and Bus Stop Improvement Project to modify project from the acquisition of nine 8-15 passenger CNG vans to the acquisition of five 18-24 passenger CNG vehicles. The originally intended vehicles are not available. No change in funding amount of \$500,000. (Consistent with Concurrent Allocation Amendment BFA-97-04 under Item 2.6e.)
Resolution PA-97-20 Amending Resolution PA-96-05

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1f. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

No Items This Month

2.2 Environmental Matters

No Items This Month

2.3 Highway Route Matters**2.3a.** Route Adoption

No Items This Month

2.3b. New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

2.3c. One Relinquishment Resolution
4-CC-80-3.1, Route 80 in Contra Costa County
Resolution R-3341

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacations

No Items This Month

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a.** Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances**2.4a.(1)** Van Der Steen
12-Ora-5-34.0
C-17200

After it was determined that the property owner was not present, Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Conlon, Jordan, and Wolf were absent).

2.4a.(2) Propper
11-SD-125-12.3
C-17201

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the legal requirements for a resolution of necessity hearing, the Caltrans review process, the property in question, and the property owner's objections.

Terry Abbott, Caltrans, discussed the project and the need for the interchange at Route 125 and Route 54. He also reviewed Caltrans' efforts to mitigate the impacts on the property. He reviewed the owner's and lessee's issues and proposals and Caltrans' response to each item. He reviewed the determination of greatest public good and least private injury and recommended the Commission adopt the Resolution of Necessity.

Donald Detisch, an attorney representing the property owners, discussed the property owner's request for a full take instead of a partial acquisition and outlined reasons why the partial take was unacceptable.

Donald Propper, property owner, discussed reasons for a full take.

The Commission discussed the options of full take and partial acquisition.

Roy Abelson, an attorney representing the lessee Steven Wiener, discussed the lessee's opposition to a full take and support of a partial acquisition.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-1 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Berglund, Diener, Fleming, Kozberg, Reed, and Sylvester (6).

NOES: Commissioner Conlon (1).

Absent: Commissioners Jordan and Wolf (2).

2.4a.(3) County of Tulare

- 06-Tul-198-R8.40
C-17203
- 06-Tul-198-R8.66
C-17204

This item was pulled by Caltrans prior to the meeting.

2.4b. 32 Resolutions of Necessity
C-17205 Through C-17206
C-17208, C-17209
C-17211 Through C-17215
C-17217 Through C-17236

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Leases

No Items This Month

2.4d. Director's Deeds**2.4d.(1)** Items # 1 Through 19

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4e. Notice of Intention to Acquire Property Now in Public Recreational Use from County of Tulare for Route 198 Visalia Freeway Project

This item was pulled by Caltrans prior to the meeting.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters**2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects

- Eleven Minor Projects totaling \$2,378,000 plus \$167,000 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-97-23

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for State STIP/SHOPP/Toll Bridge/TSM/TEA Projects**2.5b.(1)** Three STIP Projects totaling \$52,342,765.
plus \$8,843,235 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-97-24

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(2) Twelve SHOPP Projects totaling \$22,786,000.
Resolution FP-97-25

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(3) Five SHOPP Amended Projects totaling \$4,711,000.
Resolution FP-97-26

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5c. Financial Vote for Local Assistance STIP/TSM/TEA/EEM Projects**2.5c.(1)** Three Local TEA Projects totaling \$1,875,000
plus \$1,738,000 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-97-27

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** Twelve Local EEM Projects totaling \$2,326,612
plus \$7,342,659 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-97-28

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent
of Program Amount

No Items This Month

- 2.5e.** Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Approved Projects.
Two projects totaling \$2,172,000.
Resolution FA-97-3

- 07-LA-101 - SHOPP project in Los Angeles County on Route 101.
\$500,000 for On Going Contract. Original vote \$828,000
plus \$256,500 (previous FAs) for a grand total of \$1,584,500.
91 Percent increase over Vote.
- 07-Ven-126 - STIP project in Ventura County on Route 126.
\$1,672,000 for On Going Contract. Original vote \$10,000,000 minus
\$1,357,000 (G-12s) for a grand total of \$10,315,000.
34 Percent increase over Award.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the reasons for the cost increases and recommended approval.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the supplemental funds. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Chairman Jordan was absent).

- 2.5f.** Emergency Allocations

- 2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations
Six Projects totaling \$5,810,000.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the report on Emergency G-11 allocations and noted that 12 additional

- 2.5f.(2)** Informational Report - Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations from
Proposition 192 Revenues.
Two Projects totaling \$52,587,500.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the report on seismic retrofit G-11 allocations.

- 2.5f.(3)** Informational Report - Phase 1 Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations
Three Projects totaling \$11,382,350.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the report on Phase 1 seismic retrofit G-11 allocations.

- 2.5g.** Financial Vote for Two Toll Seismic Retrofit Projects Funded with Proposition 192 Revenues. Two Projects totaling \$69,890,000.
Resolution FP-97-29

- 04-CC, Sol-80 - In Contra Costa and Solano Counties on Route 80 at the Carquinez Toll Bridge for a cost of \$66,047,000.
- 11-SD-75 - In San Diego County on Route 75 at the Coronado Toll Bridge for a cost of \$3,843,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5h.** Allocation of \$110,000,000 to Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for remainder of FY 1997-98 Right-of-Way Program.
Resolution FM 98-1

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5i.** Allocation of \$782,442,000 to Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for remainder of FY 1997-98 Local Assistance Program.
Resolution FM 98-2

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

- 2.6a.** Financial Vote for Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program Projects

- \$240,000 to Sacramento Regional Transit District for Power Substation Upgrades. (Consistent with Concurrent TCI Amendment 96S-49 under Item 2.1c.)
Resolution MFP-97-04
- \$160,900 to Tuolumne County and Cities Area Planning Council on behalf of the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments (SAAG) for Sierra Railroad Tie and Track Replacement
Resolution MFP-97-05

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6b.** Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Bond-Funded Projects

- 2.6b.(1)** Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Rail Projects

- \$13,700,000 to San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) for Altamont Corridor Rolling Stock Acquisition
Resolution BFP-97-08

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b.(2) Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects

- \$195,000 to City of Napa for Paratransit Vehicle Purchase
Resolution BFP-97-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c. Financial Vote for STIP Projects

- \$6,972,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District (SCCTD) for Tasman West Light Rail Extension - allocation and transfer.
Resolution MFP-97-06

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6d. Financial Vote for Multiple Program Funded Projects

No Items This Month

2.6e. Allocation Amendments for Proposition 116 Projects

- Revises project scope from the purchase of nine 8-15 passenger CNG vans to the purchase of five 18-24 passenger CNG vehicles for the County of Butte's Transit Vehicle Acquisition and Bus Stop Improvement Project. No change in funding amount of \$500,000. (Consistent with Concurrent Project Approval (PA) Amendment under Item 2.1e.)
Resolution BFA-97-04, amending Resolution BFP-95-46

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6f. SB 2800 Advance Local Match Requests

- \$75,000 to City of Napa for Transit Bus Rehabilitation
Resolution ALM-97-12
- \$47,000 to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) on behalf of the City of Monterey Park for Bus Rehabilitation
Resolution ALM-97-10
- \$411,000 to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) on behalf of the City of Covina for Metrolink Grade-Crossing Improvements
Resolution ALM-97-11

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6g. Financial Vote for FFY 1997-98 Amtrak (Intercity Rail) Operating Support

- \$49,303,000 to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for FFY 1997-98 Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail and Feeder Bus Services Operating Support
Resolution MFP-97-07

Warren Weber, Caltrans, reported on the amount of funds needed for intercity rail operating support and discussed the reasons which supported the need for the funds.

Executive Director Remen noted the need for three conditions: (1) increased ridership and revenues for all three corridors; (2) pro rata expenditure of funds spread evenly over all 12 months to guard against their early depletion; and (3) regular status reports on the status of negotiations for take-over of operations by the Capitol Corridor JPB.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the funds subject to the conditions presented by Executive Director Remen. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

No Items This Month

2.8 Request for Waiver of Commission Policy Guidelines

No Items This Month

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

- Resolutions FM-97-21 and FP-96-108 - Originally approved June 5, 1997. Correction in allocation amount from \$40,900 to \$31,200 and Budget Revision Transfer of \$31,200 from Capital Outlay Appropriation Item 2660-325-042, Budget Act of 1994, to Item 2660-311-042, for Headquarters Building, Sacramento - Fire, Life and Safety improvements, Phase II Project.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.10 Contract Approval of \$684,600 funded by Proposition 116 Bond Funds for the Department of Transportation's FY 1997-98 Administration Costs.

David Cabrera, Caltrans, summarized the proposed activities, services, and costs in the FY 1997-98 contract and recommended approval.

The Commission discussed Caltrans' commitment to provide support and the level of funding needed. After the discussion, Commissioner Wolf moved to table the matter pending clarification of savings and efficiencies in other programs to assure support for Proposition 116 activities. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioners Berglund and Jordan were absent).

ACTION: D. Cabrera

3. PROGRAM STATUS**3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1997-98 Program Finance Report**

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the program finance report. She reported that the State Highway Account Balance through August 1997 was \$1.4 billion and was projected to be the same in September 1997.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, noted that this was the second time in a row that there was nothing to report for this item.

3.3 Clarification of the Means for Prior Year Reimbursement for Seismic Expenditures with Proposition 192 Funds

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, reported on reimbursements to the State Highway Account for seismic expenditures. The Commission asked staff to include allocations made at the September Commission meeting and updated treatment of reimbursements in the monthly letter to the Legislature regarding Proposition 192 funds.

ACTION: R. Gumz

4. POLICY MATTERS**4.1 State Legislative Matters**

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham reviewed the bills that had been sent to the governor for signature and reported that he would notify the Commissioners of the Governor's final actions on the bills.

ACTION: C. Oldham

Commissioner Wolf moved to send a letter to the Governor in support of SB 45. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

ACTION: C. Oldham

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4.2 Adoption of 1998 STIP Fund Estimate and Policies

The Commissioners and Commission and Caltrans staff reviewed the fund estimate and issues raised at the fund estimate workshop, including changes that might arise if SB 45 is signed into law.

The following actions items resulted from the lengthy discussion about the fund estimate issues:

- Include in October workshop regarding SB 45 policy issues to be discussed regarding capital outlay support.

ACTION: R. Remen/C. Oldham/D. Brewer

- At October Workshop regarding SB 45 include information on new rail start issues.

ACTION: R. Chung

- Review fuel and weight fee growth factors in the course of preparing a Fund Estimate under SB 45.

ACTION: J. Borucki

- Report back at the October meeting on the relative priority and potential for closing certain roadside rests and prioritization of the new roadside tests relative to need and alternate services.

ACTION: G. Bush

- Report back on the project study status for each project study already contained in the 1996 STIP, identifying both amount already expended and amount estimated for expenditure.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

- Provide Copies of SB 45 to all Commissioners.

ACTION: C. Oldham

- Modify the discretionary target for the South Counties in the Draft STIP Policies allowing three tiers and targeted limits of \$50 million, \$60 million, and \$105 million respectively, with the middle group including the counties of Kern, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

ACTION: D. Brewer

After the discussion, Commissioner Wolf moved to adopt the fund estimate as modified during the discussion including an increase in the weight fee growth rate to 2.2%. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

4.3 Report on Final Outcome of FY 1997-98 Budget

4.3a. Overview of FY 1997-98 Budget Including Deleted Funding for Rail

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented an overview of the FY 1997-98 Caltrans budget.

4.3b. Update on FY 1997-98 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, discussed the funding levels for the FY 1997-98 TCI Program and reported that the funding had been reduced from \$100 million to \$64 million during the budget process.

4.3c. Options for the FY 1997-98 TCI Program

Deputy Director Robert Chung, reviewed several programming options that would enable the Commission to conform the TCI program to the FY 1997-98 State Budget.

Commissioner Diener moved to approve Option C, to maximize the funding available by including \$30 million available from the State Highway Account, \$2 million from the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account, and seek alternative means to fund the \$4 million shortfall. Staff was directed to develop alternative means of maximizing commitments to the FY 1997-98 TCI Program as adopted. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

ACTION: R. Chung

4.4 Outline for Commission's 1997 Annual Report to Legislature

Executive Director Remen presented the draft outline for the Commission's Annual Report to the Legislature. The Commissioners discussed some changes and then accepted the draft outlined as modified.

4.5 Report on Contingencies, Assuming Delay in Passage of 1997 Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, summarized the effects that a delay in passage of federal transportation legislation would have on the state and some local agencies.

4.6 Status Report on Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program Savings in Context of the Standby List

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed the projects on the standby list. He also discussed savings that have accrued and the problems associated with cost overruns. The Commission requested that he report further on cost overruns at the October Commission meeting with action to be taken at the December meeting.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

4.7 Modifications to Commission's Cost Savings Policy

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed potential Cost Savings policy modifications. The Commissioners discussed the nature of the modifications and how SB 45 would affect the policy. Commissioner Conlon requested that the matter be deferred until the October Commission meeting. Chairman Jordan indicated that with SB 45 the October meeting may be premature. Chief Deputy Director Hathaway suggested using a small part of the SB 45 workshop to discuss the cost savings policy and the Commission agreed.

4.8 Amendment to Procedure for Sale of Excess Property
Resolution G-97-12 Amending Resolution G-2, and Replacing G-96-26

Steve Ikeda, Caltrans, summarized the sale of excess property procedure amendment.

Commissioner Diener moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

4.9 Adoption of Axle-Based Toll Rate Schedule for Vincent Thomas Bridge
Pursuant to Senate Bill 47 (1997-Kopp)
Resolution G-97-13

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, presented the proposed Axle-Based Toll Rate Schedule for the Vincent Thomas Bridge and recommended approval. The Commission requested that he report back on the duration of tolls necessary to fund other work and retirement of the current amount due to be repaid to the State Highway Account as well as the authority necessary for the Commission to post-actively terminate toll collection on the Vincent Thomas bridge. The Commission also requested a report on any means available to reduce the high ratio of overhead on toll collection on this bridge.

ACTION: S. Maller

Commissioner Fleming moved approval of the resolution. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

4.10 Vision for Interregional Road System

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed development of a Commission vision for the 29 corridors in the interregional road system and noted the difficulty in gathering data from a diverse array of data bases. He indicated that he would report back to the Commission with information on selected segments within the corridors by December.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

4.11 Update on Re-Engineering of Project Development Process
for SHOPP-Type Projects

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reported on the status of revising the project development process for SHOPP-type projects.

4.12 Report on Efforts to Broaden Funding Base for Safety Roadside Rest Area Program

The roadside rest issue was covered under Item 4.2. There was no verbal presentation on this item.

5. MODAL ISSUES**5.1 Rail**

Dennis Kuklis, Amtrak, reported on the status of the FY 1997-98 business plan and budget. The Commission requested that he provide the Commissioners with a copy of the final business plan within the next month or two and include a breakout of California-only numbers in the plan.

ACTION: G. Mallery (Amtrak)

The Commission also directed staff to schedule a presentation at the October or December meeting by Amtrak CEO Gil Mallery and request that he comment on his stated goal of maintaining a flat level of state operated support.

ACTION: R. Chung

5.2 Highways

Terry Quinlan, representing the National Automated Highway System Consortium, briefed the Commission on the progress on and the recent San Diego test of Intelligent Vehicle Highway System technologies.

6. OTHER MATTERS

Peter Warner, private citizen, spoke in support of increasing Amtrak Service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director